

**Senate Government Operations Committee Amendment No. 1**

**Amendment No. 2 to SJR0139**

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**AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 139\***

by deleting the first resolving clause and by substituting instead the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as Section 19:

**Section 19.**

A lieutenant governor shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state at the same time and for the same term as the governor. The lieutenant governor's qualifications shall, in all respects, be the same as the governor. A person may be eligible to succeed in office as lieutenant governor for additional four-year terms, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to more than two terms consecutively, including an election to a partial term. The lieutenant governor shall, at stated times, receive compensation for services, which shall not be increased or diminished during the period for which he or she shall have been elected. The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as the governor shall assign or the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

And that Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting Section 12 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

**Section 12.**

(a) In case of the governor's temporary incapacity or absence from the state for more than seven consecutive days, the lieutenant governor shall act as governor for the duration of such incapacity or absence from the state.

(b) In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the lieutenant governor; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the lieutenant governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker of the senate; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the speaker of the senate, the power and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker of the house of representatives.

And that Article VI, Section 5, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

An attorney general and reporter for the state shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The attorney general and reporter shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years immediately preceding his or her election, and shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee. The attorney general and reporter may prosecute, in any court having jurisdiction of the matter, any violation of state criminal statutes prohibiting misuse of public office for personal financial gain and may perform all prosecutorial functions attendant thereto, and shall perform other duties as the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

And that Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting Section 17 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

### **Section 17.**

A secretary of state shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The secretary of state shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the election. The secretary of state shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings of the governor and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the general assembly. The secretary of state shall perform such other duties as the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

And that Article VII of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

### **Section 3.**

A state comptroller of the treasury shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The state comptroller shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the election. The state comptroller shall perform such duties as the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

A state treasurer shall be popularly elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The state treasurer shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the election. The state treasurer shall perform such duties as the general assembly shall prescribe by law.

